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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ANTON NEGELE ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN :
(BASED ON PCT/EP99/08284)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS OF WATER-SOLUBLE POLYMERS OF N-VINYLCARBOXAMIDES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) An aqueous dispersion of a water-soluble polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dispersion contains as component (A) a homopolymer of N-vinylformamide.

4. (Amended) An aqueous dispersion of a water-soluble polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the N-vinylformamide units and/or vinylacetamide units of the polymer (A) have